



Virginia Green Hotels & Lodging Facilities



Fairhaven Guesthouse Charlottesville, VA



Virginia Green is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. **Virginia Green** has established "core activities" specific to each sector of tourism, and these practices are considered the required minimum for participation in the program. However, **Virginia Green** encourages its participants to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations, and this profile provides a full list of all their "green" activities. These are the activities that guests / customers can expect to find when they visit this facility.

Fairhaven Guesthouse

We are a three-room guesthouse near downtown Charlottesville. We provide a simple, continental breakfast.

We are both committed to living simple, balanced lives. It's important to us to lower our negative impacts on the environment and the people around us, while we seek to expand our positive impacts.

The food we provide is either organic or local - both when feasible. We grow food in our own garden, including blueberries and strawberries, melons, squash, lettuce, etc, without using artificial pesticides or fertilizers. We inform all of our guests about our choices and the reasoning behind them.

Virginia Green Activities

This facility pledges that they:

Offer optional linen service

- Have signage in each guest room explaining the linen reuse procedures
- Change linens only upon request
- Train housekeeping staff on our process for optional linen service
- Purchase water- and energy-efficient washers and dryers
- Use non-phosphate, non-toxic and biodegradable laundry detergents
- Minimize the use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals
- Line dry linens whenever possible

Recycle

- Have in place clearly marked recycling bins or provide convenient drop-off locations for guests to recycle:

- Glass Bottles
- Plastic Bottles
- Aluminum cans
- Steel cans
- Newspaper
- Office paper

Other items recycled by the facility:

- Printer/ copy machine toner cartridges
- Cardboard

Reduce solid waste

- Use bulk soap dispensers instead of individual soaps/shampoos in guest rooms
- Use refillable shampoo bottles rather than single-use bottles
- Instruct housekeeping staff to save and reuse unopened items
- Compost food waste and other compostables
- Have an effective food inventory control system to minimize waste
- Do not use any disposable containers, dishware, cutlery, or cups
- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms
- Remove facility and staff names from junk mail lists when possible
- Reuse scrap paper for notes
- Reuse or donate shipping and packing supplies (peanuts, bubble wrap, etc.)
- Purchase recycled paper with a high-percentage recycled content
- Make double-sided photocopies and avoid making extra photocopies
- Use electronic correspondence and forms when possible
- Use green cleaning products that are dispensed in bulk
- Use reused building materials or those from sustainable sources
- Use latex, low or no-VOC paints
- Properly recycle and/or dispose of thinners and solvents
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides in landscaping
- Other Activities: Use cloth hand towels in bathroom

Use water efficiently

- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Have installed low flow toilets (use 1.6 gallons per flush or less)
- Have minimized our lawn area
- Have installed rain barrels

- Have installed drip line irrigation

Conserve energy

- Have installed ceiling fans
- Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Keep office doors and windows closed if HVAC system is on
- Use natural lighting (i.e., open draperies and raise shades whenever adequate light from windows is available)
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off lights in unoccupied rooms
- Have installed compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms and canned lighting
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off fans, computers, monitors and other devices in unoccupied rooms at the end of the workday or when otherwise not being used

Offer a green events package

- We do not host conferences or events



For more information on **Fairhaven Guesthouse**, see fairhavencville.com or contact Raven Long at host@fairhavencville.com or 434-933-2471.

For more information on the Virginia Green program, see www.deq.state.va.us/Programs/PollutionPrevention/VirginiaGreen.aspx.



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